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some money in the bank in the way of investment we face some real problems down the road. I know this is an additional million dollars but let's consider what the investment is going to yield. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy and then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. Speaker, I realize the frustration this must be bringing to you in trying to expedite floor procedure but I noticed that Senator Lewis is starting to lose his voice and I would like to suspend the rule that provides that a person may speak only three times on an issue because I think if we let him speak about twice more we've got him and the next fifteen days will be beautiful.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you want to add anything to what Senator Murphy had to say?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I could yield some of my time I suppose to Senator Lewis, but I would just like to say, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, Senator John DeCamp gave his economy speech that I talked about yesterday. I don't think any of us have to be reminded and again those four or five of us who are in support of this amendment are the ones who are most directly affected by the adverse economic conditions that are affecting this state at this time. You can be sure that as the sun follows...the night follows the day you will be in our same position before too long. Someone said we ought to find some places to cut. In LB 1002, ladies and gentlemen, on page 69, program 305, assistance on local transit authorities, \$1,971,275. Oh, but you say, that goes to the rural areas also. You bet your life it does. 13% of that goes to the rural areas. Approximately 95% of the state would be considered rural but 13% of the money goes to the rural areas. Let's take a chunk out of there. Well we really can't do that you say because of the gas shortage and all that sort of baloney so look on down. Program 953 general funds, \$900,000, provides matching funds, matching funds to construct local recreation projects including funds to aid and developing a marina and a central park east in downtown Omaha. \$900,000 to help develop the central park east and the marina. Oh, yes, you don't find my standing here on the floor complaining about that project except if priorities must be allocated, ladies and gentlemen. Which is the greater importance? Those of you who have bled and died for water conservation or those of you who would build a project so that someone who has \$150,000 boat can slap it on the water and puddle up and down the Missouri River. Real conservationists you are. Well there might be something else in there that

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